

AUGUST 11, 2022 – EMPIRE VILLAGE COUNCIL WORK SESSION

The meeting was called to order at the Empire Township Hall and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rademacher at 7:00 p.m. Upon a roll call, Council members Bacon, Barr, Chase, Davis, Dye, Palmer and Rademacher were present. Clerk Smith was also present.

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA – Dye removed the Boat Wash Station and Palmer tabled the Community Planning Survey.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA - Motion by Bacon, support by Barr to approve the agenda as amended. Upon a voice vote, **MOTION PASSED.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS – None.

COMMUNICATIONS – Letters from Tom Isleib and Beryl Skrocki were read aloud and a letter from Kay Evans was reviewed. A letter from Mark Lund (engineer for Methodist Church) regarding drainage and their parking lot was reviewed by Davis.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS – Davis stated that the alley behind the Town Hall will be completed when Molon begins work on Union Street. Davis and DPW have been attempting to line up sidewalk repair without success. Shalda Park grant work is still being reviewed by the State. Calls have been placed to the Drain Commissioner without success. The loader is in the shop for repairs again. **Motion by Bacon, support by Barr to approve up to \$8000 to repair the front-end loader. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Bacon, Barr, Chase, Davis, Dye, Palmer, Rademacher, Nays: None. MOTION PASSED.**

COUNCIL MEMBER/COMMITTEE REPORTS – Bacon reported that the Tree Committee met and will be making recommendations soon. The Planning Commission will begin their review of the BP station plans next Tuesday.

OLD BUSINESS

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN – There was consensus that Davis could contact the attorney to discuss parameters of dealing with Village owned property. The recommendations of the Streets Committee regarding Major & Local Street Funds were reviewed. The Water Committee recommendations were reviewed as part of the Water General Plan recommendations. The Equipment Fund was reviewed. The General Fund was reviewed item by item. There was consensus that the following items be removed: Village Community Center, Acquire & Develop Downtown Parking and Public Restrooms. Sidewalk installations were removed by consensus until a better plan or requests from residents are received. There was consensus that a study should be done to address the drainage issue from Wilco and impacting intersections down Lake St. after heavy rains. A 5-minute break was taken and there was discussion of interrupting/questioning those who are speaking. Acquiring South Bar Lake frontage was removed by consensus. The draft CIP will be updated for continued review at the September Work Session. It was noted that project costs will need to be updated for a final CIP once the priorities have been selected.

NEW BUSINESS

PAPER BAGS FOR SPRING AND FALL CLEANUP DAYS – It was noted that all bags are emptied whether paper or plastic. Paper yard waste bags could be encouraged when the email notification is sent.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENT – It was noted that the Community Survey Plan was scheduled for this meeting, and it was unfortunate that additional documentation had not been provided.

ADJOURNMENT at 9:03 p.m.

Derith Smith Empire Village Clerk

These minutes were approved at the August 23, 2022, Regular Council meeting.